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FOR JOHN MAISTO ARA

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP (COLOMBIAN

AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TURBAY)

SUBJ: PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

REF: VAKY/MAISTO TELCON APRIL 22

1. FOL ARE REMARKS OF AMB-DESIGNATE TURBAY FOR USE IN CREDENTIALS  
PRESENTATION:

2. QUOTE MR. PRESIDENT: I HAVE THE HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOU IN  
THE FIRST PLACE MY PREDECESSOR'S LETTERS OF RECALL AND THE  
CREDENTIALS ACCREDITING ME AS AMBASSADOR OF COLOMBIA TO THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

3. QUOTE IT IS ALSO MY PLEASANT DUTY TO BRING YOU, MR. PRESIDENT,  
THE CORDIAL GREETINGS OF PRESIDENT LOPEZ MICHELSSEN AS WELL AS  
THE ARDENT WISHES OF THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA FOR  
YOUR HAPPINESS AND THE PROSPERITY OF YOUR GREAT NATION.

4. QUOTE IT IS A GREAT PRIVILEGE FOR ME TO REPRESENT MY COUNTRY  
HERE AT A TIME WHEN COLOMBIA TRUSTS MORE THAN EVER THAT THE  
TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIP THAT BINDS THE UNITED STATES, COLOMBIA  
AND THE OTHER COUNTRIES OF THIS HEMISPHERE TOGETHER WILL, UNDER  
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THE INSPIRATION OF THE WHITE HOUSE, BE VERY GREATLY STRENGTHENED.

5. QUOTE THE GEOGRAPHICAL, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC AREA IN WHICH MY COUNTRY LIVES, MOVES AND HAS ITS BEING LIES CLOSEST OF ALL TO THE UNITED STATES. YOUR TECHNOLOGY, YOUR SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS, YOUR CULTURE, THE CHANGES IN YOUR ECONOMY, AND EVEN YOUR POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS BASED ON THE PHILADELPHIA CONSTITUTION HAVE REPERCUSSIONS ON OUR LIVES AND AFFECT ALMOST EVERY SPHERE OF OUR ACTIVITIES. BESIDES, WE BELONG, AS YOU DO, TO TWO INTERNATIONAL BODIES: THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES. ALL THESE CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE MADE IT INDISPENSABLE FOR OUR TWO COUNTRIES TO WORK IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF FRIENDLY COOPERATION TO ACHIEVE AIMS COMMON TO BOTH.

6. QUOTE THESE RELATIONS WILL NO DOUBT BE CONSIDERABLY FORTIFIED BY THE COMPLETION OF THE TREATY SIGNED BY THE DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES AND COLOMBIA WITH REGARD TO THE RONCADOR AND QUITASUENO BANKS. THE TREATY HAS BEEN DULY SANCTIONED BY OUR PRESIDENT AND APPROVED BY OUR CONGRESS. IN THE UNITED STATES IT STILL ABIDES THE RATIFICATION OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMISSION. I AM BOUND TO ADMIT, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT MY COUNTRY, TO WHICH THIS MATTER IS OF VITAL INTEREST, IS LOOKING FORWARD TO AN EARLY DECISION ON IT.

7. QUOTE THIS COUNTRY, AS IS WELL KNOWN, IS OUR FOREMOST COMMERCIAL PARTNER. WE RECEIVE ABOUT FORTY PERCENT OF OUR IMPORTS FROM YOU AND WE SEND YOU THIRTY-FIVE PERCENT OF OUR EXPORTS. SINCE OUR BALANCE OF TRADE OBVIOUSLY IS UNFAVORABLE, OUR TASK IS TO IMPROVE IT OR AT ANY RATE MAKE IT EVEN.

8. QUOTE I ASSURE YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT I HAVE COME HERE AS AN ENTHUSIASTIC ADMIRER OF THIS GREAT COUNTRY, WHOSE INSTITUTIONS AND WHOSE PEOPLE HAVE EARNED THE RESPECT AND ESTEEM OF THE DEMOCRATIC WORLD.

9. QUOTE MY HOPE AND TRUST IS THAT BY THE END OF MY DIPLOMATIC MISSION HERE I SHALL HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE INVIGORATION OF THE FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS.

10. QUOTE ALLOW ME, FINALLY, TO EXPRESS MY BEST WISHES FOR THE SUCCESS OF YOUR ADMINISTRATION AND FOR YOUR PERSONAL WELL-  
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